

the ground to assist movement of the wheelchair when an associated door is open, the pivotal connection being arranged at the outside of the floor section,

wherein the floor section serves as a load surface for the wheelchair, and the ramp remains in a secured upright position when the floor section is occupied by the wheelchair.

7. (New) A vehicle according to Claim 6, wherein the ramp is connected to the vehicle by at least one vertically displaceable pivot mounting.

8. (New) A vehicle according to Claim 6, wherein the ramp has a first and a second movable section, which are connected to one another by at least one hinge, and the first section is connected pivotably to the vehicle at a fixed location, while the second section swings down towards the vehicle floor.

Sub 9. (New) A vehicle according to Claim 8, wherein the hinge action of the hinge can be blocked when the ramp is in the secured upright position.

10. (New) A vehicle according to Claim 9, wherein the blocking of the hinge action can be brought about by belt-latch mechanisms.

11. (New) A vehicle ramp assembly for a wheelchair comprising:

a floor section in a vehicle serving as a load surface for the wheelchair lower than a vehicle floor,

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a ramp forming one surface with the vehicle floor in a lowered position, accommodated by the floor section, and

a pivotal connection being arranged at the outside of the floor section,

wherein the ramp pivots about the connection from the lowered position towards the ground to assist movement of the wheelchair, when an associated door is open, and the ramp remains in a secured second upright position when the floor section is occupied by the wheelchair.

12. (New) A vehicle ramp assembly according to claim 11, wherein the ramp has a first and a second movable section connected to one another by at least one hinge, and the first section is pivotally connected to the vehicle at a fixed location and the second section swings in towards the vehicle floor.

13. (New) A method of making a vehicle with a ramp for a wheelchair, comprising the steps of:

providing a vehicle floor with a lowered floor section serving as a load surface for the wheelchair, and

pivotally connecting a ramp at the outside of the floor section so the ramp swings towards a road surface to assist movement of the wheelchair when an associated door is open,

wherein the ramp in a lowered position forms one surface with the vehicle floor and is accommodated by the lowered floor section, and the ramp remains in a secured upright position when the lowered floor section is occupied by the wheelchair.--